

**Abstract of the Invention**

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A protective device for dispensing devices, such as printers, used in a relatively hostile environment. The protective device includes a dispenser which is mounted adjacent the document feed path opening of the dispensing devices. The dispenser covers the document feed path opening to minimize penetration of grease, oil, moisture or other contaminants into the internal mechanism of the dispensing device. An access opening in the dispenser allows easy retrieval of documents produced from the dispensing device. The top portion of the dispenser acts as a guide for the guiding of the dispensed document through the access opening. The dispenser can be formed as part of a separate enclosure, formed as part of the dispensing device cover assembly or provided as a separate accessory which can be mounted on the dispensing device cover assembly.

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